

Council met in **SPECIAL SESSION** on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:01 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Megyes presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Greer, Griffin, Heitic, and Jaber. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mr. Griffin gave the Invocation.

PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

None.

MATTERS REFERRED

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees.

The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council's office.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. ANGELOFF. TITLE: 2020 RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PROGRAM - ENTER INTO CONTRACT – BUTCHER & SON. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BUTCHER & SON EXCAVATING, INC., THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDER, FOR THE 2020 RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,830 PER DWELLING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 25, MORE OR LESS, RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, USING CDBG, GRANT AND/OR GENERAL FUNDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 24-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

The Clerk stated there are 5 notes coming up and after reading each ordinance she will need to read the Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE - 9th STREET NE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$685,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING 9TH STREET NE BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, PAVING, GRADING, DRAINING, CONSTRUCTING CURBS, GUTTERS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS, INSTALLING STORM SEWERS, REALIGNING INTERSECTIONS AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as

required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$685,000 of notes (the Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of improving 9th Street NE by reconstructing, resurfacing, paving, grading, draining, constructing curbs, gutters and driveway aprons, installing storm sewers, realigning intersections and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.
2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 15 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds.
3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 21, 2036, which is 20 years from April 21, 2016, the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose.

Signed by Mr. Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton and dated March 5, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE - METER READING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING ADVANCED RADIO METERING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 26-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$350,000 of notes (the Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing advanced radio metering system equipment to be used in connection with the municipal sewer and water systems, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 10 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds.

3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 20, 2032, which is 15 years from April 20, 2017, the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose.

Signed by Mr. Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton and dated March 5, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE - 5th STREET NE/LINCOLN AVE. STORM WATER PROJECT. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES ALONG 5TH STREET NORTHEAST AND LINCOLN AVENUE, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$400,000 of notes (the Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of constructing storm water drainage facilities along 5th Street Northeast and Lincoln Avenue, together with all appurtenances thereto (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 40 years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds.

3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 17, 2039, which is 20 years from April 17, 2019, the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose.

Signed by Mr. Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton and dated March 5, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE - STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$315,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, PAVING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 28-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$315,000 of notes (the Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of improving streets and roads in the City by resurfacing, paving and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.
2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 15 years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds.
3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 17, 2039, which is 20 years from April 17, 2019, the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose.

Signed by Mr. Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton and dated March 5, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE - TRICKLING FILTER SYSTEM AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING THE TRICKLING FILTER SYSTEM AT THE MUNICIPAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$150,000 of notes (the Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of reconstructing and improving the trickling filter system at the municipal waste water treatment plant, together with all appurtenances thereto, (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.
2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 40 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from that maximum maturity of the Bonds.
3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is 240 months from their date of issuance.

Signed by Mr. Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton and dated March 5, 2020.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2020. SPONSORED BY: MR. JABER. PRESENTED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL. TITLE: PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS “PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.”

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: 2020 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. Mr. Greer stated he will be voting no on suspension because he believes the budget should have been a three (3) reading ordinance. Mr. Heitic stated he will be voting yes on the suspension because he believes they have run out of time and he is afraid what could close next and they could not convene again. Mr. Jaber stated he will also be voting no on suspension and feels they could do better and if they had more time, they could cut the budget costs. He thanked Mr. Flaker and the Mayor for taking their time on going over the budget. Frey, Coburn, Debevec, Angeloff, Griffin and Heitic all voted “yea.” Greer and Jaber voted “no.” Motion Carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020 BE ADOPTED.** Mrs. Debevec stated she is incredibly pleased by the restoration of funds for seasonal employees at the ballfields and other park programs. She said it is important to keep our kids and our community where it needs to be, however, she does believe

they need to be extremely cautious when executing all the expenditures budgeted as they are in unchartered times. She said returning and restoring all of the operations that were suspended in the 2019 budget because of the anticipated loss of B&W may elude to our constituents that the City of Barberton is not experiencing a huge hit to our income tax revenue, when they indeed are. She said it is imperative they keep that in mind as council members as they look forward to 2021. Mr. Greer stated he will be voting no on the budget presented by the Mayor. He said while he understands the stress is put on the administration to keep the city afloat, he doesn't think it addresses the appending shortcomings overall. He said he thinks the budget looks like there is nothing wrong and it has been stated many times in that room that they do not make decisions based on assumptions, they make them on fact. He said they are just assuming where they are going to be in another year. He said not too long ago, and they are still talking about raising taxes and the budget doesn't necessarily reflect that. He stated it tells him that they are doing just fine. He said the budget does not prepare them for what is to come. Mr. Heitic stated he will be voting yes on the budget but he urges extreme caution. He said just because something is budgeted doesn't necessarily mean they have to spend to that penny and he urges very much caution to Mr. Flaker, Mayor and all of council to consider when something comes across their desks how much they are actually going to spend. Mayor Judge stated he appreciates all the questions and comments over the last few weeks and months. He said it is imperative that council stay involved. He said he routinely hears from the same 4-5 council members that come in and ask questions on projects, programs and the budget. He stated that has to be all 9 council members. He said it is imperative also to understand that the entire budget is an assumption. He said there could be impending costs that they don't know what they are or what they will be in the future with COVID-19. He stated that is why it is important for council to stay involved. He said they had an unanticipated revenue from B&W staying an additional 3 months. He said according to their letter they were moving out the first part of October, 2019 and they stayed additional 3 months which really helped boost the budget and also the settlement with a company in town for about \$450,000 of unpaid taxes through CCA. He said that will not happen next year so it would be great to be able to work with the bargaining units and with the different departments to cut back and to save more money and if you remember this time last year they tried that and all of the bargaining units said no. He stated there were some slight concessions given that really did not materialize. He said the budget is a fluid working document and is something they monitor all the time and he takes his hat off to all the department heads who strive and cut to do everything they can to come in under budget knowing that any money leftover goes back into the pot for the next year. He said they are always looking for new revenue sources and looking for ways to be more efficient, ways to cut expenses yet still provide the necessary services to the residents. He stated there was no way for him to go to the bargaining units and say we have a \$800,000 carryover because B&W stayed longer but we would still like concessions. He said that would not have flown. He said they are going to do everything they can to keep the bargaining members/leadership updated on different occurrences whether it is through council, action or through budgetary items or different programs, just so everyone is on the same page and he will continue to do that. He said there are great projects happening but to build something is about a year. He said there are several of those projects out there and they want to make sure they continue but with COVID-19 he does not know where that puts them. He said COVID-19 can change a lot of things – people being laid off - what does that do to our income tax collection. He stated this will be even more of a challenge moving forward over the next few weeks. He said he appreciates their support on the budget and he appreciates

the questions and comments. He stated as he states every week, his door is always open and there several council members that make use of that but not all of them and there is some responsibility by council. He said there is a lot of work ahead of them and a lot of great things are going to be coming to them over the next few weeks. Heitic, Griffin, Angeloff, Debevec, Coburn and Frey all voted “yea.” Jaber and Greer voted “no.” Motion Carried.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Judge stated with COVID-19 a lot of changes are happening and they have a conference call on Friday with a lot of different agencies and a conference call with Summa Hospital later that day. He said if you have any questions, please contact him. He stated things change so quickly and there is so much information coming out and things have a higher risk or potential of falling through the cracks of not getting them information. He said they may send out an email at 8:00P.M. and they may not get it until the next morning and by then the information can change. He said validating the information and getting it out to everybody is imperative. He stated getting on social media he has seen rumors and false information and they bring up things that happened 5-10 years ago or other counties. He said to need to push out the positive. Mrs. Debevec asked if the Mayor knows if there are Corona Virus tests available at our local facilities. Mayor Judge said when he talked to Summa Hospital over the weekend there were 16,000 test kits throughout the country. He said the Cleveland Clinic and UH were producing their own testing but you can produce a test but it still has to get validated so they were expediting this. He stated the federal government has been pushing up creating testing kits. Mrs. Debevec said the reason she is asking is because she is aware of people in the City of Barberton that have had fevers for a week and have the symptoms and have been tested at the doctor’s office for the flu but they have not been tested for the Corona Virus. She said she wants to urge the public that if you think it is not here, it’s here and the social distancing is for a reason. She said she wanted to find out if they weren’t being tested because they didn’t think they had it. Mayor Judge stated the process for testing that he has heard from multiple agencies is they will test you for everything, except that, to weed those things out. He said they don’t want to test that first when there are a limited number of test kits and if it comes back negative, you just took that test kit away from someone. Mrs. Miller stated they had an emergency meeting last week for a prisoner at the jail and it took almost 5 hours to run every other test before they got to the COVID test. She said the COVID test was a triple verify test, so if you have 300 test kits you only have 100 tests. She stated the test shortage is real. Mayor Judge said they have looked at and are continuing to look at drive-through testing tests sites in the county. He said they went up to Cuyahoga County to see how they did it logistically and how do they get the greatest impact and what is the best location. Mrs. Miller stated those require a doctor’s order. She said there is some confusion, to be clear, people cannot just drive through and get a test. Mayor Judge stated at that time in Cleveland, you had to have a doctor’s note from the Cleveland Clinic or UH.

Mayor Judge stressed those things can change very quickly. Mayor Judge said there is a lot of information and this is uncharted water and you want to be very swift in your action but you want to make sure you are not making any mistakes. He said when there is a snow storm they know what to do but this is a lot different, it is worldwide and they keep saying we are 2-3 weeks behind other countries. He said whether it is COVID-19, the regular flu, a cold or whenever you get sick you try to quarantine yourself to a certain area of your house, same thing. He said from what he has heard, many people are going to get it but its that risk class of people that they need to watch out for.

Mayor Judge asked council to check their emails as often as possible as they continue to get information out.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The clerk asked for clarification that the following Monday's meeting is cancelled. The Mayor said he wanted to make sure an official request was made to cancel Monday because they met that day. Mrs. Miller said this was her understanding and it would also be her advice that President Megyes get with the calendar and anticipate the cancelling of meetings, for example she believes the City of Columbus has cancelled meetings until April 20th. She stated we need to be proactive and think about that and think about what the plan is going forward and anticipate what the thoughts are so everyone is prepared. She said so the city employees are prepared to get legislation requests in and on council side, they need to decide what they are going to do. She said this is a long-term problem according to the Governor and the Department of Health and council needs to be prepared. She said it was her understanding that today was in anticipation of not having a meeting on Monday and that will take care of at least two weeks and if they want to just say two weeks is what the plan is that's fine but those decisions are council's body decision, not her decision. Mrs. Debevec stated if they have the capability, she knows Justin is technologically inclined, to use something like Zoom where they would probably fall within the ramifications. Mrs. Miller stated that is very fluent right now and the Attorney General put out two documents about what he believes what the law is in the State of Ohio. She stated different lawyers believe different things but he is trying to do the best they can with a situation where they have never been presented with before. She said it would not be available to not have a meeting at all with no one presented but the Attorney General, Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Attorney's Association is trying to get either the Governor or the Legislator to move to do some sort of law or order out there to allow everyone to be more flexible with open meetings during this time of State of Emergency. Mrs. Debevec asked if we used Zoom would it be an open meeting but everyone would just be remote. Mrs. Miller stated it is not permitted and as she reads the Attorney General's opinion what is permitted is not the majority of people to be in the room. She said as an example that people have given is maybe 2 or 3 less than the majority are immune suppressed, those 2 or 3 can call in if they are not the majority. She said there is no allowances for the entire body not to be present. She said they are just waiting for somebody other than us to help make a proper determination. Mrs. Miller stated right now, as they are calling, the State Legislator packed to be in a room, which is more than 10. Mrs. Debevec said this defeats the entire purpose of social distancing. Mrs. Miller said they are just not prepared for that. Mrs. Miller said they are fighting over a 2009 Attorney General's opinion regarding a request where a community was doing emergency manual planning and they

wanted to know if there was a pandemic could they do a remote meeting and the Attorney General at that time said absolutely they could not. She said when the Attorney General put out his directive (now), he said they could do this because of this unusual situation. She said then lawyers were saying what about 2009. Mrs. Miller said that was hypothetical and this is real and there is now a State of Emergency declared by the Governor and this is different. Mayor Judge the big thing for him was to get the budget passed so now they can get a lot of things done. He said they continue to check with all of their suppliers – fuel supply will not be interrupted, trash pickup for the city or the residents will not be interrupted. He said they are also checking with asphalt plants – are they going to close. He said will they be able to get equipment to fix vehicles or deliveries to the plants. He said those things should not be interrupted but they are looking at different things. Mrs. Angeloff made a suggestion to have one meeting at the end of the month to have the Committee of the Whole and Legislation together to limit from coming in. She said or to have a meeting, as needed is there is pressing legislation like purchase orders or something that needs to get paid. Mayor Judge says he believes the Declaration of the State of Emergency states ordinances like that could supersede but they couldn't use that for hiring. He says as it pertains to the operations as it is. Mayor Judge said it is required by the EMA to keep track of everything associated with COVID-19 and create a master report. He said if they do anything and it doesn't come to council, he will let them know via email. He stated every community is making changes and no one wants to get dinged after the fact. He said they are getting criticism on how things are being handled. Mayor Judge stated there is going to be criticism whether you go too far or if you don't go far enough so they are taking everything and trying to move as swiftly as possible without letting things fall through the cracks and making sure that they cover all areas.

Mrs. Coburn asked if they need to vote on if they come once a month or once every three weeks. President Megyes stated they don't know what they are doing yet. Mayor Judge said he can send President Megyes what other communities are doing – some are meeting once a month, some not meet until the end of April, Summit County is meeting bi-weekly so there is a lot of things out there. He said the big thing was getting the budget passed. Mrs. Coburn stated as of right now, we are scheduled for April 6th. President Megyes stated we have 18 days off and a lot of things can happen in 18 days. Mayor Judge said they are talking about this going all the way into August. He said they took an inventory of what facilities does the city own and of those facilities which ones have ovens, microwaves, refrigerators, because if the Governor came on right now and said everyone stay put right where you are, what does that do. He said they have to plan for every scenario because you don't know what is going to happen. He stated there has been talk, just talk about the National Guard. He said there is a lot of talk but nothing has been instituted but they are keeping track of what other communities are doing, what other counties are doing and what other states are doing. Mrs. Debevec stated they want everyone to know that they are actively concerned and that is why she asked about the testing because she wants to make sure that people understand the severity of this and there are cases in Barberton. Mr. Greer asked about the tent at Summa. Mayor Judge stated it is for triage – if he goes for a sprained wrist, he will not be going into the hospital. He said all the hospital's emergency room numbers are down quite a bit because they may not be as serious. He stated there are a lot of infectious disease health care professionals that are all debating on the best way to handle this and move forward. He said we sit in a good area, we have Summa, General, Cleveland Clinic, UH and even spreading into Pennsylvania. He said there is a great health care system throughout this

whole region and some of the best hospitals in the world. He said he feels very confident that they are moving in the right direction and he thinks the Governor is taking some unorthodox leaps and bounds to get ahead of this as much as possible. He said he has heard some criticism that maybe this is too far but you make a directive or an action to close off the bars and restaurants, that is a huge step and you think about the people who work there and that is their livelihood and you think about people who use restaurants mainly as their source of food. He said when you make one action for the betterment of the community, it affects a lot of things but he thinks it is in the right direction. He said they are continuing to talk with different packages for business and residents at the federal level, especially with the SBA loans. He said this is unchartered, tough times.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec but before seconding the motion, Mr. Heitic asked for permission to speak before making the motion. He said the previous night, he saw council at its best. He stated for the last couple of months, and he is not going to give examples, they have been kind of chippy, been calling each other out, and basically showing little disrespect for each other in which he views as childish ways. He said he had strep throat a few weeks ago and watched remotely. He stated it broke his heart. He said he wants to see, the next 18 days when they come back, a fresh start where they are all getting along, respectful, know each other. He asked to start a new leaf when they come back, every one of them. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heitic, to adjourn. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

Adjourned: 12:54 P.M.

Craig Megyes
President of Council

Renee Fox
Clerk of Council